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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains "means". Legal phraseology such as "said" and "means" should be avoided. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4, 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 4, line 2, "said drive means" lacks a prior antecedent.

In claim 5, line 2, "said drive means" lacks a prior antecedent.

In claim 10, line 2, "said shield" lacks a prior antecedent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wu (United States Patent No. 5,927,976).

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Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Graceffo (United States Patent No. 3,826,004).

Graceffo discloses a dental handpiece comprising a generally hollow body 12, a reservoir 64 containing prophy paste securely attached to the body, a plunger 66 in communication with the paste in the reservoir, and a through conduit 68 having a proximal end in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end in fluid communication with the area where dental material may be applied. A polishing member 18 is located near the distal end of the conduit and is connected to a drive member which includes a control mechanism. Drive means (ratchet mechanism) is arranged to receive the plunger. The drive member is air powered. The prophy paste is contained in a removable cartridge.

Claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walker (United States Patent No. 4,220,446).

Walker discloses a dental handpiece comprising a generally hollow body 12, a reservoir 14 containing prophy paste 52 securely attached to the body, a plunger 54 in communication with the paste in the reservoir, and a through conduit 66 having a proximal end in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end 16 in fluid communication with the area where dental material may be applied. A polishing member 70 is located near the distal end of the conduit and is connected to a drive member which includes a control mechanism. Drive means, in the form of compressed air, is arranged to receive the plunger.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Condon (United States Patent No. 3,775,849).

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Condon discloses a dental handpiece comprising a generally hollow body 14, a reservoir 41 containing prophylactic paste securely attached to the body, a plunger 58 in communication with the paste in the reservoir, and a through conduit 60 having a proximal end 61 in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end 62 in fluid communication with the area where dental material may be applied. A polishing member 21 is located near the distal end of the conduit and is connected to a drive member which includes a control mechanism. Drive means, in the form of compressed air, is arranged to receive the plunger. The conduit includes a removable shield 72.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Condon.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the control mechanism for the drive member connected to the polishing member with a reversible direction trigger in order to permit the operator to reverse the direction of rotation of the polishing member if so desired.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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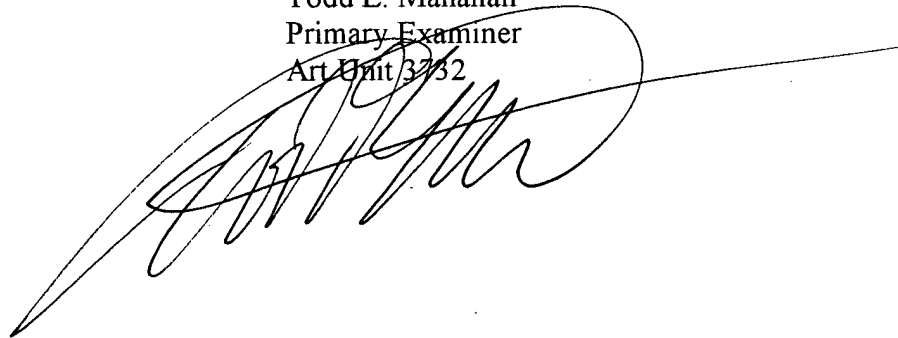
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd E. Manahan whose telephone number is 571 272-4713. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571 273-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
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T.E. Manahan
24 May 2005

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Todd E. Manahan, is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.